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POST HAS BEEN EXPLORING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES RE JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY VISIT GREECE WITH IMPRESARIO THEODORE KRITAS. NEED LIMON AGENT HANKINS' VIEWS FOLLOWING:

1. PERFORMANCES: KRITAS NOW RECOMMENDS ONLY THREE PERFORMANCES MENANDRION THEATRE, PIRAEUS, ON SEPTEMBER 6, 7, AND 8. MATINEE ON SEPTEMBER 8 HAS BEEN SCRAPPED. HOWEVER, IF COMPANY CAN REMAIN IN GREECE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, KRITAS MAY RPT MAY BE ABLE TO PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES. CONCRETE PROPOSAL NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE JULY 10. IN THIS CASE KRITAS SUGGESTS SWITCHING ALL PERFORMANCES FROM MENANDRION TO DELFINARION THEATRE, ALSO IN PIRAEUS. REALIZE THIS CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE HANKINS TO VISIT GREECE AGAIN IN ORDER APPROVE FACILITIES. SHOULD COMPANY DECIDE TO REMAIN IN GREECE FOR DELIFNATION PERFORMANCES, POST COULD MOST LIKELY ARRANGE ONE OR TWO WORKSHOPS AT HELLENIC-AMERICAN UNION BINATIONAL CENTER INO COOPERATION GREEK DANCE GROUPS

2. ACCOMMODATIONS: KRITAS CANNOT RPT CANNOT INCREASE DAILY STIPEND FOR FOOD FROM DOLLARS 5 TO DOLLARS 10 PER DAY IF COMPANY WISHES TO STAY AT HOTEL CAVO DO'ORO SEEN BY HANKINS DURING VISIT, BECAUSE HALF-BOARD OBLIGATORY AT THIS ESTABLISHMENT. KRITAS WILL PROVIDE EACH DANCER WITH DOLLARS 10 PER DAY IF GROUP STAYS AT HOTEL OLYMPIC IN PIRAEUS. JEUNES SOLISTES DE BOLSHOI

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WILL RESIDE AT THIS HOTEL DURING JULY VISIT TO GREECE.

ACAO ANDERSON WILL EVALUATE OLYMPIC FOR HANKINGS IF LATTER WISHES.

3. LIGHTING SYSTEM: QUOTE FROM KRITAS LETTER TO CULTURAL OFFICE DATED JUNE 25: "I DISAGREE WITH THE IDEA THAT THE THEATER'S (MENANDRION'S) ENTIRE LIGHTING SYSTEM BE CHANGED. IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN GREAT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE. THE AGREEMENT WITH MS. HANKINS WAS THAT WE WOULD HAVE FOUR THEATER ELECTRICIANS AVAILABLE (2 FOR THE BOOTH AND 2 FOR THE FOLLOW SPOTLIGHTS). THE MOST LOGICAL THING TO DO WOULD BE TO SUPPLEMENT THE 36 SPOTLIGHTS WITH ADDITIONAL ONES WHICH THE GROUP WOULD HAVE TO BRING ALONG; HOWEVER, SPECIAL CABLES AND STANDS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THESE SPOTLIGHTS, WHICH THE THEATER DOESN'T HAVE". POST SUGGESTS HANKINS WORK OUT TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY WITH KRITAS VIA TELEPHONE OR CABLE. THEATER SPECIFICATIONS BEING SENT HANKINS BY KRITAS. (NOTE: KRITAS CONSIDERS DELFINARION MORE SUITABLE THAN MENANDRION FOR ADAPTATION LIMON LIGHTING SYSTEM).

4. ESCORT WEST: RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED.
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